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FOR MRS. VANCE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PROGRAM FOR MRS. VANCE

REF: TEL AVIV 5859

1. THIS MORNING WHILE I WAS CALLING ON FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MRS. DAYAN RAISED WITH ME THE SUBJECT OF YOUR SCHEDULE. SHE SAID SHE WAS WORRIED THAT IT WAS MUCH TOO FULL AND WOULD TIRE YOU TOO MUCH. (DAYAN SAID HE THOROUGHLY AGREED.) TO SIMPLIFY MATTERS SHE SUGGESTED CUTTING OUT THE ISRAEL MUSEUM THIS AFTER-NOON AFTER YAD VASHEM, AND GOING ON INSTEAD TODAY TO VISIT BETHLEHEM (*). (OBVIOUSLY WITH HER ACCOMPANYING YOU.) SHE SAID THIS WOULD THEN GIVE YOU TIME TO REST AFTER YOUR VISIT TO MASADA TOMORROW. I SAID THAT YOU WERE QUITE STURDY AND WERE INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM; I SUGGESTED WE LEAVE THE PROGRAM AS IT IS, AND THAT SHE DISCUSS IT WITH YOU IN THE CAR EN ROUTE TO JERUSALEM. SHE PLANS TO DO SO.

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2. COMMENT: THIS LOOKS TO ME LIKE ANOTHER TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT -- THIS TIME USING THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S WIFE -- TO GET YOU TO VISIT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (IN THIS CASE BETHLEHEM) IN MRS. DAYAN'S COMPANY -- SO IT WILL BE OBVIOUS IN THE PHOTOS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ALWAYS RESISTED THIS AND OUR SENIOR OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES HAVE VISITED EAST JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM ONLY

UNDER THE AEGIS OF OUR CONSUL GENERAL IN JERUSALEM, ALTHOUGH
LOWER RANKING ISRAELI OFFICIALS USUALLY DO ACCOMPANY
THE PARTY. I RECOMMEND THAT TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT YOU
TELL MRS. DAYAN, IF SHE RAISES THE QUESTION, THAT THE
SCHEDULE LOOKS FINE TO YOU AND THAT YOU WOULD LIKE
TO FOLLOW IT. I DO NOT THINK SHE WILL BELABOR THE
POINT.
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